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In re Application of: Michalek et al :  
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Filed: February 26, 2002 : Examiner: Reena Aurora  
For: Press-In Exciter Ring Assembly :  
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1. I am a witness on the attached Exhibit A which is a copy of an invention disclosure submitted to the American Axle & Manufacturing patent department.
2. I understood the invention at the time I signed the information disclosure form.
3. The date of the signatures, which are whited out in Exhibit A, are prior to the effective filing date, which is November 2, 2001, of U.S. Patent No. 6,549,001.



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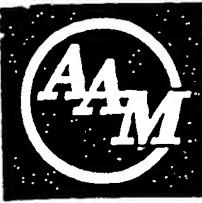
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On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004, before me personally appeared the foregoing individual, who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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## RECORD OF INVENTION

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SUBJECT PRESS-IN EXCEPT RING ASSEMBLY - ADDITIONAL FEATURES  
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## RECORD OF INVENTION

1. This invention is disclosed in the following sketches, drawings, written description, and/or technical reports (attach copies).

THESE DOCUMENTS SHOULD PROVIDE A FULL DISCLOSURE OF YOUR INVENTION AND SHOULD BE SIGNED AND DATED BY EACH INVENTOR AND BY TWO WITNESSES WHO UNDERSTAND THE INVENTION.

2. This invention was first thought of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_
3. First sketch or drawing (attach copy) was made by John Michael on \_\_\_\_\_
4. First written description (attach copy) was made by John Michael on \_\_\_\_\_
5. This invention was first disclosed to David D. Goss - C.R. (S&F) on \_\_\_\_\_
6. First tests (attach copy of results) were made by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_\_
7. This invention was or is expected to be published or disclosed outside AAM to:  
This feature is not expected to be openly disclosed outside of AAM (C.R.S.F.) on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_\_
8. This invention was or is expected to be used in production starting \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_\_
9. In addition to those identified above, the following people can also testify to facts relating to the making of this invention:  
Peter Murphy

10. The nearest thing or things to this invention that I know of are:  
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I HEREBY ASSIGN THIS INVENTION TO AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING, INC. AND AUTHORIZE AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING, INC. TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ON MY BEHALF.

INVENTOR SIGNATURE

This invention was reviewed and understood by me

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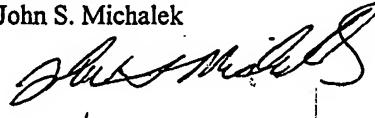
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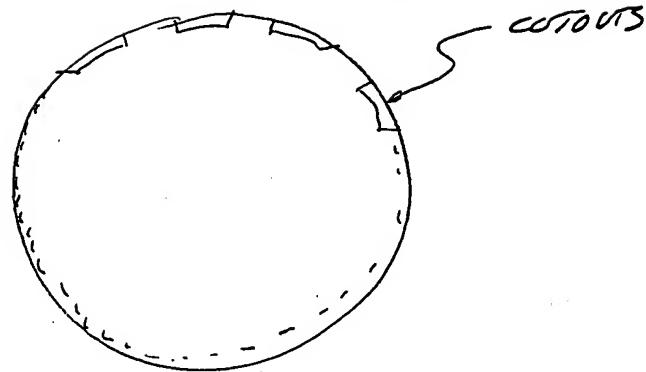
Press-In Exciter Ring Assembly – Additional Feature: Retaining ring cutouts and/or recesses

The retaining ring on the Press-In Exciter Ring Assembly when designed with cutouts and/or recesses on the outside diameter will provide an additional path for oil to flow around the Press-In Exciter Ring Assembly and thereby increase oil flow to the bearing.

John S. Michalek



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